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SUBJECT: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO THE SAHEL: SUGGESTED TEXT OF  
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR

1. TEXT FOLLOWS OF SUGGESTED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO  
PRESIDENT SENGHOR:

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

DURING OUR CONVERSATION IN THE WHITE HOUSE ON JUNE 8, 1978,  
I INFORMED YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO  
A MAJOR LONG-TERM EFFORT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF CYCLICAL  
DROUGHT IN THE SAHEL REGION. TO DEMONSTRATE THIS COMMITMENT  
TO THE PEOPLES OF THE SAHEL, I HAVE ASKED MY MOTHER, MRS.

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LILLIAN CARTER, TO BE MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DURING  
HER VISIT TO THE GAMBIA, SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA AND  
MALI FROM JULY 24 TO AUGUST 2.

AS YOU KNOW, MY FAMILY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN RURAL AGRI-  
CULTURE FOR MANY GENERATIONS. WE HAVE PERSONAL  
EXPERIENCE WITH THE HARSHIPS THAT COME FROM DROUGHT

AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS. IT IS MY WISH, THEREFORE,  
THAT MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO THE SAHEL WILL ENABLE THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF  
THE VERY CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS WHICH THE SAHEL NATIONS ARE  
UNDERTAKING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS AND MEET THE NEEDS OF  
THE RURAL POPULATIONS AND HOW THESE EFFORTS CAN BE  
SUPPLEMENTED AND REINFORCED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

I DEEPLY REGRET THAT I WILL NOT BE TRAVELING WITH MISS  
LILLIAN THIS TIME. OUR CONVERSATION IN WASHINGTON IN-  
CREASED MY DETERMINATION TO RETURN TO AFRICA AND TO  
VISIT SENEGAL. I WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE SUCH A VISIT  
BEFORE THE END OF MY PRESENT TERM OF OFFICE. IN THE  
MEANTIME, I HOPE TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH YOU AND TO  
BENEFIT FROM YOUR WISE COUNSEL ABOUT AFRICA.

SINCERELY YOURS, JIMMY CARTER  
COHEN

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